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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO AFRICA: BRIEFING PAPER:
BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF MAINLAND TANZANIAN OFFICIALS

1. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AMBASSADOR YOUNG MIGHT MEET WHILE IN TANZANIA.

2. RASHIDI KAWAWA: SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER.
KAWAWA HAS BEEN THE NUMBER TWO MAN IN MAINLAND TANZANIA SINCE
INDEPENDENCE IN 1961, AND IS A DEVOTED AND LOYAL SUPPORTER OF
PRESIDENT NYERERE. HE HAS BEEN VICE PRESIDENT SINCE SHORTLY
AFTER INDEPENDENCE, AND PRIME MINISTER SINCE 1972. DURING ALL
THIS PERIOD HE WAS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF THE TANGANYIKA AFRICAN
NATIONAL UNION (TANU) PARTY, A POSITION HE HAS LOST TO ABOUD
JUMBE IN THE NEW REVOLUTIONARY PARTY WHICH WILL BE BORN ON
FEBRUARY 5. KAWAWA, BORN IN 1929, CAME UP THROUGH THE
LABOR MOVEMENT AND ENTERED POLITICAL LIFE IN THE 1950'S. AN
ABLE ADMINISTRATOR AND A SHREWD POLITICAN, KAWAWA IS HARD
WORKING BUT NOT AN ORIGINAL THINKER OR INTELLECTUAL. A RATHER
DOGMATIC SOCIALIST (REPUTED TO HAVE FEATHERED HIS OWN NEST),
KAWAWA IS KNOWN FOR IMPRACTICAL IDEOLOGICAL IMPETUOUSITY, AS
WHEN HE RECENTLY CHAMPIONED A POORLY CONCEIVED AND UNCOORDINATED
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CAMPAIGN TO ELIMINATE PRIVATELY OWNED SHOPS IN RURAL AREAS,
THOUGH THE COOPS WHICH WERE TO REPLACE THEM GENERALLY DID NOT
EXIST. KAWAWA IS A MUSLIM, ONLY FIVE FEET TALL (OF WHICH HE IS
AMUSEDLY CONSCIOUS), AND SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH.

3. IBRAHIM KADUMA. MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS: A SOCIALIST
IDEOLOGUE, WITH A GOOD REPUTATION AS AN ADMINISTRATOR, KADUMA

HAS PLAYED A RATHER INCONSPICUOUS ROLE SINCE BECOMING FOREIGN MINISTER IN NOVEMBER 1975. HIS PRINCIPAL TASK IS TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES FORMULATED IN DETAIL BY PRESIDENT NYERERE, AND IN MATTERS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE SUCH AS THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEM NYERERE CONDUCTS HIS DIPLOMACY PERSONALLY. BORN IN 1937, KADUMA RECEIVED HIS UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN UGANDA AND ENGLAND, AND IS A SPECIALIST IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. SINCE 1966, HE HAS HELD HIGH CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES, MOSTLY CONCERNED WITH FINANCE. FROM 1973 TO 1975 HE HEADED THE NEWLY CREATED INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DAR ES SALAAM, A SOMEWHAT MISLEADINGLY NAMED BODY WHOSE PRINCIPAL TASK IS THE IDEOLOGICAL INDOCTRINATION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. KADUMA HAS MADE A NUMBER OF SHORT VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES AND SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

4. ISSAC SEPETU: JUNIOR MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. SEPETU IS A ZANZIBARI (THOUGH HE WAS BORN ON THE MAINLAND IN 1943), AND HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS CAREER IN ZANZIBAR AFFAIRS. HE RECEIVED HIS SECONDARY EDUCATION ON ZANZIBAR AND LATER ATTENDED A COURSE IN FOREIGN TRADE IN EAST GERMANY, WHERE HE MET AND MARRIED HIS EAST GERMAN WIFE. HE WAS NAMED JUNIOR MINISTER IN 1972, AND SERVED AT THE 1975 AND 1976 UN GENERAL ASSEMBLIES IN NEW YORK. HE IS SELF-POSSESSED AND POLITE, A FAITHFUL EXPONENT OF OFFICIAL TANZANIAN POLICY.

5. ANTHONY NYAKYI: PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. NYAKYI HAS BEEN A CAREER DIPLOMATIC OFFICER SINCE 1963, AND HAS SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO THE NETHERLANDS AND TO WEST GERMANY. HE HAS HELD HIS PRESENT POSITION SINCE 1972. BORN IN 1936, HE
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RECEIVED HIS UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN UGANDA. HE IS ARTICULATE AND APPROACHABLE, BUT NOT VERY DECISIVE.

6. BERNARD MUGANDA. DIRECTOR, EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS DIVISION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. BORN IN 1936 IN MUSOMA, AND A NEPHEW OF PRESIDENT NYERERE, MUGANDA EARNED HIS B.A. AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AND AN M.A. AND PH.D. IN ECONOMIC ANTHROPOLOGY FROM HOWARD UNIVERSITY. HE WAS TEACHING AT HOWARD WHEN HE RETURNED TO TANZANIA IN 1972 TO JOIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE THEN FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN MALECELA. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS HE HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. MUGANDA IS ARTICULATE, FRIENDLY, THOUGHTFUL, AND WELL INFORMED ABOUT AMERICA AND AMERICANS. THOUGH HE IS A BELIEVER IN TANZANIA'S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES, HE TENDS TO EXPOUND THEM IN TERMS AS ACCEPTABLE AS POSSIBLE TO AMERICAN EARS. HE IS SEPARATED FROM HIS WIFE, A KENYAN WHO NOW LIVES IN THE US.

7. ASTERIUS HYERA. DIRECTOR OF LEGAL, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AND CONFERENCES DIVISION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY. BORN IN 1942,
HYERA WAS EDUCATED IN LAW, AND ENTERED GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN
1968. HE RECEIVED A CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FELLOWSHIP IN DIPLOMACY
FOR 1970-71 AND WAS THEN ASSIGNED TO TANZANIAN PERMANENT MISSION
TO UNITED NATIONS, WHERE HE REMAINED UNTIL HE ASSUMED HIS PRESENT
JOB IN MID-1976. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS.
HIS WIFE IS ALSO A TANZANIAN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER.
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